(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Facilities to Handloom Industry in U.P.**

7134. DR. LAL BHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of hank yarn provided to the handloom weavers of Uttar Pradesh during 1990-91;

(b) the amount of assistance provided to the yarn manufacturing units in Uttar Pradesh for increasing their existing capacity during the above period;

(c) the value of the yarn, dyes and chemicals provided to the weavers in Uttar Pradesh by the National Handloom Development Corporation; during 1990-91;

(d) the additional working capital provided to primary/apex cooperative societies in Uttar Pradesh during 1990-91;

(e) the amount of financial assistance provided by public sector agencies to weavers in Uttar Pradesh during the year;

(f) the amount of assistance provided to apex cooperative societies in Uttar Pradesh under Market Development Scheme in that year; and

(g) the value of the handloom cloth manufactured in Uttar Pradesh and exported by National Handloom Development Corporation during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) As yarn has a national market and its trade being controlled mostly by the private traders, it is not possible to quantify the availability sales of hank yarn in a particular state.

(b) Government of India have not extended any financial assistance during 1990-91 for expansion of existing spinning capacity in the cooperative sector in Uttar Pradesh.

(c) During 1990-91, the National Handloom Development Cooperation supplied yarn worth Rs. 1478.67 lakh and Dyes and Chemicals worth Rs. 4.22 lakh to the weavers and their agencies in Uttar Pradesh.

(d) and (e). Government of India have not released any financial assistance in the form of share capital assistance to any of the State Handloom Agencies in the cooperative or corporate sector in Uttar pradesh during 1990-91. However, a sum of Rs. 4459. 84 lakh has been released during 1990-91 to Government of Uttar pradesh under various other schemes in order to improve the marketability of handloom cloth and to provide sustained employment to weavers in the state.

(f) A sum of Rs. 658.11 lakh has been released as Market Development assistance to the State handloom Agencies in Cooperative and Corporate sectors of Uttar Pradesh during 1990-91.

(g) the National; Handloom Development Corporation has not exported any cloth during 1990-91.

**Projects from Uttar Pradesh Pending Clearance**

7135.DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the projects and schemes proposed by the Government of Uttar Pradesh pending for clearance with Union Government; and

(b) the action taken so far in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGADISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). References about various road and bridge schemes for Uttar Pradesh pending with the Government are mentioned below along with their position:

(i) Proposal for conversion of four State Roads into National highways. This proposal can be considered only after the finalisation of the 8th Plan.

(ii) 43 schemes proposed to be financed against the augmented Central Road Fund. These would be processed after actual augmentation of the Central Road fund, which has not yet taken place.

(iii) 19 estimates for works on National highways. Subject to availability of funds and provision in the Plan, these wold be taken up after current year's Budget is approved.

**Opening of Branches of Nationalised Banks in Uttar Pradesh.**

7136. DR.LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open new branches of the nationalised banks in the rural and backward areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the name of the places where they are proposed to be opened; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The growth of new bank branches under the extant licensing Policy will depend on well established need, business potential and financial viability of the proposed branches. Moreover, the opening of branches under the extant licensing policy is a continuous process, which will be governed by licences issued by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in this regard. Hence, at this stage it is not possible to project the number of branches of banks that will be opened in the rural and backward areas of uttar Pradesh.

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**World Bank Assistance to Boost Silk Production In Karnataka**

7137. SHRI C.P.MUDALA GIRIYAPPA Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of World Bank assistance obtained for boosting the production of silk in Karnataka during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to obtain more assistance from the World bank to boost the production of silk in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c). For boosting the production of silk in the country (including Karnataka) a World bank/Swiss assisted National Sericulture Project (N.S.P.) is being implemented by the Central Silk Board (C.S.B.) in collaboration with States (including Karnataka) for a project period of 5 year commencing form 1989-90.

The total provision including Central Silk Board investment in Karnataka for 3 years from 1989-90 to 1991-92 is Rs. 9083.56 lakhs. The investment envisaged for the